

STUDY ABROAD

Belize

Diversity in Education

Pre-education majors and teacher candidates have the opportunity to experience the culture and educational system in Belize through this two-week Maymester course. Students will become actively engaged with a diverse student population to collaborate with teachers who have become accustomed to teaching with very limited resources, and to experience an educational system different from the American system to which they are accustomed. This experience will enhance their pedagogical experiences and deepen their sense of understanding of culturally relevant teaching, school policy, and the government and economic influences on education. The planned excursions along with the more casual "out of school" experiences will also serve to broaden their perspectives as they come to understand the life experiences of the students with whom they will be working. The course offered for pre-education majors is EDUC 2120: Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts. The course offered for teacher candidates will be an upper-level special topics course. For teacher candidates enrolled in the Early Childhood program, this course (EDEC 4950) will substitute for the Arts option in the EDEC Program of Study. For substitution options for this course for teacher candidates enrolled in the Special Education and Middle Grades programs, please consult your advisor/program coordinator. Accommodations in hotels and most meals are provided in the program cost.

**Cost:**

\$2,900

Dates:

May 19 – June 3, 2012

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Belize

Courses: 3 credits in
EDUC 2120: Exploring
Socio-Cultural
Perspectives on
Diversity, EDEC 4950:
Special Topics, EDMG
4950: Special Topics
or EDEX 4950: Special
Topics.



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Payment Deadlines and Refund Policy:

A **\$200 deposit** must be paid to the International Education Center in 223 Lanier Hall, which holds a place for eligible applicants to this study abroad program. **\$100** of this deposit is non-refundable, and the remaining **\$100** is refundable until **Feb. 1**. An additional payment of **\$1350** is due **Feb. 1**, and the balance of **\$1350** by **March 1**. Only in an exceptional case, e.g., an extremely adverse exchange rate, will the cost of the program be increased beyond what is listed on this application. In the unlikely event the International Education Center finds it necessary to cancel a program before the start date, every attempt will be made to give a full refund. If unforeseen events require the shortening of a program after arrival in-country, the International Education Center will determine an equitable, pro-rated refund.

The International Education Center will only refund half of the deposit to students withdrawing from the program prior to **Feb. 1**, and after **Feb. 1** it will not be able to refund any money already spent for transportation, accommodations or program support. Further, the International Education Center will not be able to refund money that is contractually due to service providers including, but not limited to airlines, travel agencies, and in country service providers. All withdrawals must be made in writing to the International Education Center at Georgia College in order for refunds to be processed. The International Education Center will inform the student of the amount of money that will be forfeited by the student if the student indicates he/she wishes to withdraw from the program.

Included in the program fee: Airfare to and from Atlanta, accommodations, most meals, transportation for group excursions and cultural activities, and study abroad insurance. Tuition and some meals are additional expenses.

Highlighted Excursions and Activities: Excursions in San Ignacio and San Pedro, including Mayan ruins, Xunantunich and Cahal Pech, and a guided day tour of Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave as well as snorkeling on the Barrier Reef at Ambergris Caye.

Study Abroad Orientation will be held Saturday, April 14, 2012 on the Georgia College main campus in Milledgeville. This session is **MANDATORY**.

To apply:

1. Visit studyabroad.gcsu.edu
2. Log in with Mycats username and password
3. Select the program of your choice and choose Apply
4. Complete Form
5. Choose Submit
6. Stop by 223 Lanier Hall to pay your deposit by cash, check, or credit/debit card
7. Stay tuned to your email for notice of acceptance, requests for further information and updates on payments, orientations, and course requirements.